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SMALL DAMS, POWER STATION UNDER CONSTRUCTION; RELAX RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF POWER

START CONSTRUCTION ON SMALL DAM -- Sofia, Vecherni Novini, 4 Mar 52

Burgas, 4 March -- The construction of a small (micro) dam, which will be 150 meters long and 80 meters wide, began recently on the Arkheloya River near Bata village, Pomorie Okoliya. The artificial lake will have a capacity of 630,000 cubic meters of water. The dam will enable irrigation of 5,000 decares

TO BUILD 24 SMALL DAMS -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 30 Mar 52

Stara Zagora, 29 March -- The construction of 24 small dams is planned this year in Stara Zagora Okrug, including eight in Nova Zagora Okoliya, six in Chirpan Okoliya, four in Stara Zagora Okoliya, and three in Yambol Okoliya. The artificial lakes of these dams will hold, altogether, almost 11 million cubic meters of water and will be able to irrigate 35,000 decares of land. Construction work has already begun in Chirpan and Nova Zagora okoliyas. By the end of June 1952, it is expected that the dams in the following villages will be completed; Gradets, Mladovo, and Stoil Voyvoda, Nova Zagora Okoliya; Irechekovo, Slamino, and Kozarevo, Yambol Okoliya; and Opan and Kolarevo, Stara Zagora

PLAN FOR "STUDENA" DAM NOT FULFILLED -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 30 Mar 52

Because of the frequent absence of Engineer Velichkov, chief director of the "Studena" Dam, and Engineer Yanev, technical director of the dam, the construction plan is not being fulfilled. In January, it was fulfilled only 74 percent, and in February, only 77 percent. Only eight of 25 trucks are in construction. operation. Engineer Nikolov and electrical technician Stavri Gerginov are not being informed about their work. No technical classes are being given to the workers and no competitions are organized by the party organization at the dam.

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The "Energokhidrostroy" (Hydroelectric Power Construction) State Construction Association is also responsible for the poor progress. Although the construction work was inspected by Engineer Pashev, chief director of the association?, and Tomov, technical director, they were unable to discover the reasons for the slow progress.

SECOND TURBINE BEGINS OPERATION -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 2 Apr 52

Dimitrovo, 31 March -- Recently, the second turbine of the "Republika" TETs (Steam-Heat and Electric Power Station) was completed and put into operation. It provides power to southern and northern Bulgaria via the "Republika" TETs - Kurilo high-tension power line. The turbine has a capacity of 25,000 kilowatts.

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW POWER STATION BEGINS -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 4 Apr 52

Smolyan, 3 April -- Construction of the "Ustovo" VETs (Hydroelectric Power Station) began recently in the Rhodope Mountains. The station will provide power for Smolyan Okoliya. On the day construction began, Krustyu Balevski, secretary of the okoliya committee of the BCP (Bulgarian Communist Party), made a speech on the project. When this power station is in operation and another turbine is added to the power station in Raykovo, power production in the okoliya will be more than five times as great as it is now. Last year, the following villages in the okoliya were electrified: Momchilovtsi, Slaveino, Sokolovtsi, Khasovitsa, Levochevo, Bostina, and Pisanitsa.

GOVERNMENT ALLOWS LONGER USE OF POWER -- Sofia, Otechestven Front, 5 Apr 52

Because the amount of water in power stations has increased, the government is relaxing its restrictions on the use of power. Households may now use power 24 hours a day, except between 1930 and 2200 hours. One-shift and two-shift enterprises may not use power for their motors and apparatus between 1930 and 2200 hours. The various rest days during the week are retained. Fulling mills will continue to work as they did prior to this regulation. All other restrictions in force prior to this notice will be changed.

NEW POWER LINE TO BE COMPLETED BY 1 MAY -- Sofia, Vecherni Novini, 29 Mar 52

Asenovgrad, 29 March -- A new high tension power line is being constructed along the Chaya River to the heart of the Rhodope Mountains. The line is expected to be completed by 1 May 1952. Thus, the "Vodopad" (Water Fall) State Industrial Enterprise in Chepelare and the villages of Bugutevo and Dryanovets will be provided with power.

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